



# CHELAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Chelan County Planning Commission  
Chelan County Community Development VIA ZOOM

Date: September 9, 2020

Called to Order: 7:05 PM  
316 Washington St., Suite 301  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

## CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

## COMMISSIONER PRESENT/ABSENT

<b>Ryan Kelso</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Carl Blum</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Greg Becker</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Vicki Malloy</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Pat Hammersmith</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Jim Newberry</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>James Wiggs</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Ed Martinez</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Joel Walinski</b>	<b>Present</b>		

## STAFF PRESENT

**Jim Brown, Director**  
**Catherine Lorbeer, Assistant Director**  
**Wendy Lane, Permit Clerk**  
**Lisa Ogle, Permit Clerk**

## PUBLIC PRESENT

ZOOM MEETING – 125 PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING STAFF AND PC MEMBERS

## OLD BUSINESS:

### **Public Hearing for the Code Development of Short-term Vacation Rentals**

Chairman Ryan Kelso opened the meeting to the public comment portion of Short-term Rental Public Hearing. He explained the time limits and the registration sheet.

The following members of the public spoke on the matter –

Bruce Williams, Leavenworth  
Barbara Rossing, Leavenworth  
Pat Thirlby, Leavenworth  
Mara Bohman, Leavenworth  
Kirvil Skinnarland, Leavenworth  
Jerry Jennings, Plain

Steve Stroud, Leavenworth  
Stacy Hurd, Plain  
Tom Howard, Manson  
Jeff Bartee, Manson  
Kendell Newell, Wenatchee  
Joni Fisher, Manson  
Leslie Young Cutler, Leavenworth  
Zelda Holgate, Plain  
Matt Wilks, City Unknown  
Bob Fallon, Leavenworth  
Annie Robertson, Wenatchee  
Laura Johnson, Lake Wenatchee  
Don MacKenzie, Fish Lake  
Thomas Williams, Wenatchee  
Fara Newell, Leavenworth  
Robert Mundy, Ponderosa  
Chris Moody, Leavenworth  
Jeff Janssen, Leavenworth  
Doug Klunder, Bellingham – STR in Plain  
Sean Lynn, Leavenworth  
Megan Bond, Leavenworth  
Denae Poss, Ponderosa  
Hernan Savastano, Leavenworth  
Colton Riblett, East Wenatchee  
Kate Szurek, Fish Lake  
Mary Pat Barton, Leavenworth  
George Wilson, Lake Wenatchee  
Maureen O’Dea-Mitchell, Ponderosa

**MOTION:**

Motion made by Commissioner Carl Blum, second by Commissioner Ed Martinez, to close the public comment portion of the meeting.

Vote – Unanimous

Chairman Ryan Kelso asked the Planning Commission members if all had read the minutes from the July 22, 2020, meeting.

Commissioner Greg Becker pointed out an error in the first paragraph of the minutes. Minutes from the July 9, 2020 meeting were inadvertently included. Director Jim Brown stated that the minutes would be corrected and put before the Planning Commission during the September 23, 2020 meeting.

Chairman Ryan Kelso asked the Planning Commission members if all had read the minutes from the August 26, 2020, meeting.

**MOTION:**

Motion made by Commissioner Greg Becker, second by Commissioner Carl Blum, to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2020, meeting.

Vote – Unanimous

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Water Code Process Update**

Director Jim Brown explained that the Chelan County Water Management Program, that was introduced by Mike Kaputa, during the August 26, 2020, meeting was actually out of the purview of the Planning Commission. The Program falls under the Title 13 Section of the Chelan County Code and does not need to be put forth before the Planning Commission before going to the Board of County Commissioners.

**DISCUSSION AT THE CHAIR’S DISCRETION:**

Commissioner Carl Blum suggested that the Planning Commission should digest the information brought forth in tonight’s meeting for discussion and a possible decision during the Planning Commission’s next regularly scheduled meeting.

Director Jim Brown wanted to add a point of clarification. He pointed out that included in their packet was a revised code, from Lisa Grueter, from the July 9, 2020 Planning Commission meeting. The language was struck from the document that made reference to the vision statement. He stated to look at the code as if it was the night they voted to submit the final draft without that statement considered.

Director Jim Brown also gave instructions on how and when the Planning Commission is allowed to communicate with each other on the matter.

Commissioner Greg Becker asked when the absolute cutoff date would be for additional public comment. Chairman Ryan Kelso answered that said date would be September 16, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

Commissioner Carl Blum asked Director Jim Brown if the new Commissioners were sent to the Open Government Training Website. Mr. Brown answered that the gentlemen were so new to the group that the opportunity had not presented itself. He stated that he will make sure that the information is distributed to them.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

Motion made by Commissioner Greg Becker, seconded by Commissioner Carl Blum, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote - unanimous

Meeting Adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Next Planning Commission Meeting is on September 23, 2020, at 7:00 pm – a Zoom meeting.

**All Planning Commission meetings and hearings are open to the public.**